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SUBJECT: MBFR: TURKEY REUTRNS TO STABILIZING MEASURES FOR THE FLANKS

REF: USNATO 0216

SUMMARY: AT JAN 14 SPC MEETING, TURKISH REP REFERRED TO LETTER ON  
SUBJECT RECENTLY CIRCULATED BY TURKISH PERMREP ERALP, AND ASKED  
FOR ALLIED COMMENTS BEFORE ALLIES REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON  
STABILIZING MEASURES PACKAGE. DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE  
AT SPC MEETING JAN 28. ACTION REQUESTED. GUIDANCE ON  
TURKISH PAPER IN TIME FOR JAN 28 SPC MEETING. END SUMMARY

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1. TURKISH REP (TULUMEN) DREW ATTENTION TO LETTER CIRCULATED BY  
TURKISH PERMREP ERALP ON JAN 11 (TEXT REFTEL) CONCERNING SPECIFIC  
MEASURES FOR THE FLANKS. NOTING THAT LETTER AND ANNEX WERE  
RESPONSE TO NUMBER OF ALLIED REQUESTS THAT FLANKS COME UP WITH MORE

SPECIFIC VIEWS ON MEASURES SET FORTH IN PARA 30 OF CM(73)83, HE SAID THAT PRESENT TURKISH EFFORT WAS INTENDED TO ELICIT RESPONSES AND COMMENTARY RATHER THAN TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT NOW. AS TO MEASURES THEMSELVES, MAIN ITEM OF INTEREST FOR TURKEY WAS FIRST MEASURE IN PARA 30, WHICH DEALS WITH DISBANDMENT OF SOVIET WITHDRAWN FORCES. HE HOPED THAT ALLIES WOULD GIVE PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION TO THIS MEASURE.

2. CHAIRMAN ASKED WHAT TURKS HAD IN MIND IN TERMS OF TIMING. TURKISH REP SAID HE HAD NO PARTICULAR TIME IN MIND; MAIN REQUIREMENT WAS TO OBTAIN REACTIONS FROM ALLIED CAPITALS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES HE SUGGESTED RETURNING TO SUBJECT IN TWO WEEKS. ONLY REQUIREMENT HERE, HE WENT ON, WAS THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE ALLIED AGREEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES IS COMPLETED. WHEN QUERIED BY CHAIRMAN AS TO SPECIFICS OF LATTER POINT, TURKISH REP RESPONDED -- SOMEWHAT VAGUELY -- THAT HE DID NOT MEAN TO INTERFERE WITH PROCESS OF SEEKING EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FOUR STABILIZING MEASURES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT WAS REFERRING TO THE "BROADER QUESTION" OF STABILIZING MEASURES. CHAIRMAN THEREUPON PROPOSED THAT ITEM BE INCLUDED ON SPC AGENDA

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, TULUMEN STRESSED THAT ANKARA ATTACHES "GREAT IMPORTANCE" TO PAPER, AND WILL BE VERY ATTENTIVE TO ALLIED RESPONSES, PARTICULARLY THE U.S. HE ADDED THAT ANKARA HOPED THE U.S. RESPONSE WOULD BE "POSITIVE", AND HINTED THAT LACK OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE MIGHT AFFECT THE TURKISH POSITION ON STABILIZING MEASURES AS A WHOLE.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE THINK THE TURKS WILL BE PREPARED TO RESIST FINAL ALLIED ACTION ON STABILIZING MEASURES IF THEY DO NOT OBTAIN SATISFACTORY U.S. RESPONSE TO THEIR PAPER. THEY WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT VERBAL ASSURANCES. MISSION THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT WASHINGTON SHOULD CONSIDER HOW WE MIGHT PROVIDE ANKARA WITH MORE CONCRETE ASSURANCES THAT THEIR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED IN MBFR. END COMMENT

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